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ACTRESSES' WOE.

LOCAL FEMALE TROUPE

CAPTURED.

PIRATES WANT RANSOM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakhoi, Kowloon, Jan. 26.

About forty Cantonese actresses, belonging to the Ngai Sheung Wan

troupe of Hongkong, were captured by pirates at Ma Ning.

The troupe was on its way to Shikung. Those in captivity are being held for ransom.

The authorities are organising an expedition to hunt down pirates.

Eight steam launches, which previously fell into pirate hands, have been recovered by the forces.

The Canton-Hingtan tow-boat was pirated yesterday near Yungki (in the Shuntak district).

Bomb At Wharf.

A bomb was thrown on the Kowloon-Shikung towboat today while an anti-piracy search was being carried out. The bomb was alongside the wharf. Word had been received that pirates had boarded as passengers. When the authorities started the round-up, somebody threw the explosive. More than ten persons were badly injured and the junk was damaged.

Bandit Loses Job.

A battle between pirates and soldiers was fought with many casualties to both sides.

Tsui Tung-hoi, a notorious adventurer of these parts, had previously surrendered to General Tang Poon-yun (the anti-Canton commander). When the debacle came he went over to the Canton Government and was given command of his semi-regulars. For disobeying orders at Yungkong, his following was ordered to be disbanded. The former outlaws withdrew to the hills and the engagement followed.

WOMEN PICKETS.

NEW STRIKE CORDONS NEAR MACAO.

Female searchers are now employed by the strike pickets, says a vernacular report.

The news comes from Chinshan, the point in Chinese territory adjacent to Macao.

Fresh recruits of pickets were sent down together with the women, who perform duties similar to the searchers on duty at the Hongkong wharves.

TYRE PROFITEERS.

OUTCRY AGAINST BRITAIN ONLY CAMOUFLAGE.

HOOVER CHALLENGED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 26.

An allegation that American tyre manufacturers are profiteers and that their outcry against Great Britain is only camouflage to deceive American consumers is the latest development in the rubber controversy.

Mr. Ashton C. Shallenberger, Democratic member of the House of Representatives for Nebraska, is demanding an investigation of the causes of the high prices for rubber tyres in the United States.

He challenges Mr. Herbert Hoover's estimate that \$700,000,000 worth of rubber was imported into the United States during the first eleven months of 1925, and says that the figure, according to the monthly commerce summary, was \$365,000,000, whilst all the big tyre companies show a greater net profit for 1925 than for any previous year.

WORLD COURT.

AMERICAN RESERVATIONS APPROVED.

VOTES IN THE SENATE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 26.

After a fortnight's debate the Senate has embarked on a vote on the resolutions dealing with

adhesion to the World Court.

It has firstly approved of the reservations of the United States in joining the Court, does not accept any legal connection with the League of Nations, and, further, that the United States shall have a vote in the selection of judges and pay a fair share of the expenses of the Court.

TOY PISTOLS.

INTERESTING POINT OF LAW.

HOME AUTHORITY'S OPINION.

Whether a weapon which does not discharge a missile can rightly come under the Arms Ordinance was a point which was brought out by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese wholesale dealer was charged before him with the sale of a quantity of toy pistols. The sale of such pistols was prohibited, except under special licence, by a recent Government regulation.

A decision on this point was left for further consideration by Mr. Lindsell after he had read a question and answer of more than ordinary interest appearing in the "Justice of the Peace," a London law paper. The quotation was as under:—

QUESTION.

There are on sale certain revolvers which may be called "toy" revolvers; they have the appearance of an ordinary revolver, but the barrel is a dummy, and no missile of any sort can be discharged from it. The cartridge is a small metal case containing a small quantity of some sort of explosive, and when fired flame and gas are emitted from three very small holes where the barrel joins the chamber. These revolvers are being used in the street and at football matches, and people are being frightened by them. They do not appear to be a "firearm," nor does the cartridge appear to be a "firework." Can you suggest any statute under which the users of these revolvers can be prosecuted?

ANSWER.

We agree that such a toy is not a firearm within the definition of the Firearms Act, 1920, section 20, but we consider that the cartridge is a firework within the meaning of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, section 25. A dictionary definition of a firework is "a preparation in various shapes of gunpowder, sulphur and other inflammable materials, used for explosion at times of public rejoicing, etc." In our opinion any explosive materials put up in such a form that they can be ignited for amusement or pleasure come within the meaning of firework, see "Stroud's Judicial Dictionary," 2nd edition, page 722.

If the "pistols" are used to frighten people we should further hold that the users might be bound over to be of good behaviour.

RUSSIAN ORDERS.

GOLD SECURITY FOR BRITISH FIRMS.

"ARRIVAL IN LONDON."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 26.

A million sterling's worth of gold bullion has arrived from Leningrad, and will be deposited as security for the considerable orders given to British firms in connection with textile machinery and plant for Russia.

DEPOSIT FOR PURCHASES.

A MONTH'S JOURNEY TO LONDON.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

About £1,000,000 in gold from Leningrad arrived in London today in the German steamer "Schwalbe." It is over a month since the gold left Leningrad in the Russian ship "Horns." The vessel had such a rough time in the Baltic that the gold had to be transhipped at Hamburg to the "Schwalbe."

It is understood that the money is to be used as a deposit for purchases by the Russian Government in this country.

N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy; is the weather forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/4 1/2.

SHIP THIEVES.

GANG BROKEN UP BY POLICE.

YESTERDAY'S ARREST.

The depredations of a gang of eight Chinese who have been a menace to craft in the harbour have now been brought to an end according to the opinion held by the police authorities after the arrest made yesterday of a man who is believed to be the last of the gang.

Recently a smoke helmet and a hawser were stolen from the Fire Float and parts of this helmet were found in the possession of the arrested man.

The gang had been accounted for from time to time, two having had to be recently banished after serving a term of imprisonment. What is believed to be the seventh man is now in hospital after he had thrown himself down 40 feet from the window of a house at Shaikwan in an endeavour to escape during a raid.

The activities of the gang were directed in the stripping of a ship down to the anchors. It is believed that the crew conspired with the robbers in some of the cases which made it difficult for the police to secure their arrest.

PECULIAR "THEFT."

EMPRESS LINER LIFEBOAT DISAPPEARS.

SINCE RETURNED.

One of the five lifeboats of the s.s. "Empress of Russia," which, together with the latter ship, have been undergoing the annual survey, disappeared from dock on Monday night and the police were informed of the loss.

The boat was returned to-day but details as to the reason for the disappearance are not at present available.

EMPIRE SETTLERS.

APPEAL BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

SCOPE FOR DEFINITE CAREERS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The Prince of Wales made a call for settlers in the overseas Dominions. His Royal Highness said: "This great mighty stream, which forms of our personal flesh and blood a link that will stand any strain put to it, is a stream that must swell and must grow; that must be good for all on the one hand for the good of this over-populated old country, and on the other hand for the good of the Dominions with their virgin regions with possibilities immeasurable."

The Prince appealed to them to welcome people to take up settlement on the land overseas as a definite career, and he said that he would like to see great public scope for settlement and development. He paid a tribute to the work done by Churches, the Salvation Army, and other bodies in assisting the poorer of his fellow-countrymen and women to settle overseas.

Women's Part.

Women, he said, had a big part of play in Empire Settlement. The help of wives was vital to husbands in many cases. It was his hope that always the right men and women would be encouraged to help to populate the mighty places of the Commonwealth. The question of emigration could not fail to appeal to anyone who had travelled in overseas Dominions. In all his own travels he had never seen finer or happier children throughout the Empire.

A New Proposal.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, replying to a deputation from the Royal Colonial Institute on the subject of overseas settlement, made a new proposal in regard to the training of emigrants. He thought that there would be considerable advantages in a short period of testing and rough training in this country before the emigrants left, not only for men but also for families and single girls.

MAGISTRACY ITEMS.

\$6,000 FINE ON OPIUM CHARGE.

THIS MORNING'S CASES.

Evidence at considerable length was given in a charge of possession of 53 tael of prepared opium against a Chinese on behalf of whom Mr. C. A. S. Russ admitted possession of the boxes in which the drug was found, but denied knowledge of the contents. Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$6,000, or ten months' imprisonment.

A nine-year-old European boy was the witness in a case of assaulting an Indian constable. A Chinese mother and son were charged. Witness said that he was in the side car of a motor cycle while his parents had gone to Taikoo Docks. A Chinese attempted to look into the mirror of the cycle, and in a quarrel which ensued between him and the Indian the latter was assaulted by a gang of coolies and had his turban torn off by the woman. Each of the defendants was fined \$5.

A Wei-hai-wei constable was sent to prison for six weeks when he pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving a bribe of 15 cents from a hawker. Defendant was caught as the result of a trap set by Sergeant Nollath.

"Perhaps you are the oldest man in Hongkong," said Mr. Lindsell to a Chinese who was emphatic as regards his age (82 years) when he was charged with hawking partridges without a licence. The man was discharged with a warning.

The six men recently arrested in connection with a Po Piu lottery house were again before the Second Magistrate. The principal offender was fined \$250, four others had to pay \$50 each, and the last man was discharged.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, a Filipino was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for stowing away on a boat from Manila. A similar charge against an American named B. S. Williamson was adjourned.

GERMANY EXPOSED.

DISCLOSURES BY CONTROL COMMITTEE.

DONE NOTHING FOR REFORM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Jan. 26.

French official circles attach much importance to the revelation in the report of the Inter-Allied Control Committee that Germany has done nothing to carry out reforms in military organisations, police, and the transformation of munition factories, upon which the Allies will insist before the military control of Germany passes into the hands of the League.

SEMI-OFFICIAL DENIAL.

Berlin, Jan. 26.

A semi-official statement, denying the above assertion, says that disarmament has been so vigorously prosecuted during the past months that a settlement of the majority of points has already been concluded or are approaching completion.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

CHAMBERLAIN AND BRIAND IN PARIS.

IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 26.

Importance is attached to the forthcoming conversations between Mr. Briand (French Premier) and Sir Austen Chamberlain (British Foreign Secretary), who is expected in Paris from the Riviera to-day (Thursday).

It is presumed that they will discuss German disarmament, the admission of Germany into the League of Nations, the strength of the Allied forces in Rhineland, and probably the question of the postponement of the preparatory Disarmament Conference at Geneva which at present has been fixed for February 15.

At Praya East this morning, a tram car collided with a motor car and a push bicycle, damaging both the latter vehicles. No persons were injured.

TRADE VITALITY.

NOT SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED BY ADVERSITY.

NO GROUND FOR ANXIETY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 27.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, Chairman of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, speaking at the annual meeting of shareholders, spoke confidently of the future of British trade. The exceptional depression through which the country had been passing was largely due to temporary financial conditions, and he had strong hopes that these were now coming to an end.

The vitality of British trade had not been seriously impaired by the struggle against adverse conditions, and there was no ground for anxiety regarding the future.

The transition to the gold standard had been entirely successful from the standpoint of exchanges, though it had seriously injured our export trade, but this impediment was fast disappearing.

MANUFACTURED GOODS.

Britain's Great Support.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, presiding at a meeting of the Midland Bank, struck a confident note in speaking of Britain's commercial future. Dealing with the period of depression from which the country has been suffering, he said:

"It is not unusual for writers on the present condition of Britain to discuss signs that the productive capacity of our country in competition with other nations has passed its zenith. I confess that I do not share this opinion. Through all these years of trade depression we have still been the greatest supporters of manufactured goods in the world. There is always room for improvement, and these years of depression have been a contesting time for us."

THE GOAL REACHED.

After a close analysis of the effect of Britain's policy and the return to its gold standard, Mr. McKenna declared: "It is idle now to discuss whether the object in view was worth what we have had to pay for it. Let us be content that the goal has been reached, and let us revive the hope, for which there is a good foundation, that we may reap the reward in future."

COBHAM'S FLIGHT

A FUTURE FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

Mr. Alan Cobham, the British airman, who is flying from London to Capetown, writes to the "Daily Mail" from Broken Hill, Rhodesia, on the subject of a survey for an air route which he is making for Imperial Airways Company. He says: "My report will not advocate the immediate operation of air lines from Central Africa to Northern Rhodesia owing to the lack of traffic and the extensive isolated forest country which has to be flown over, but now we have reached Rhodesia we hope to find great opportunities for operating commercial aircraft."

COLONIAL PLUMS.

A NEW GOVERNOR FOR SOMALILAND.

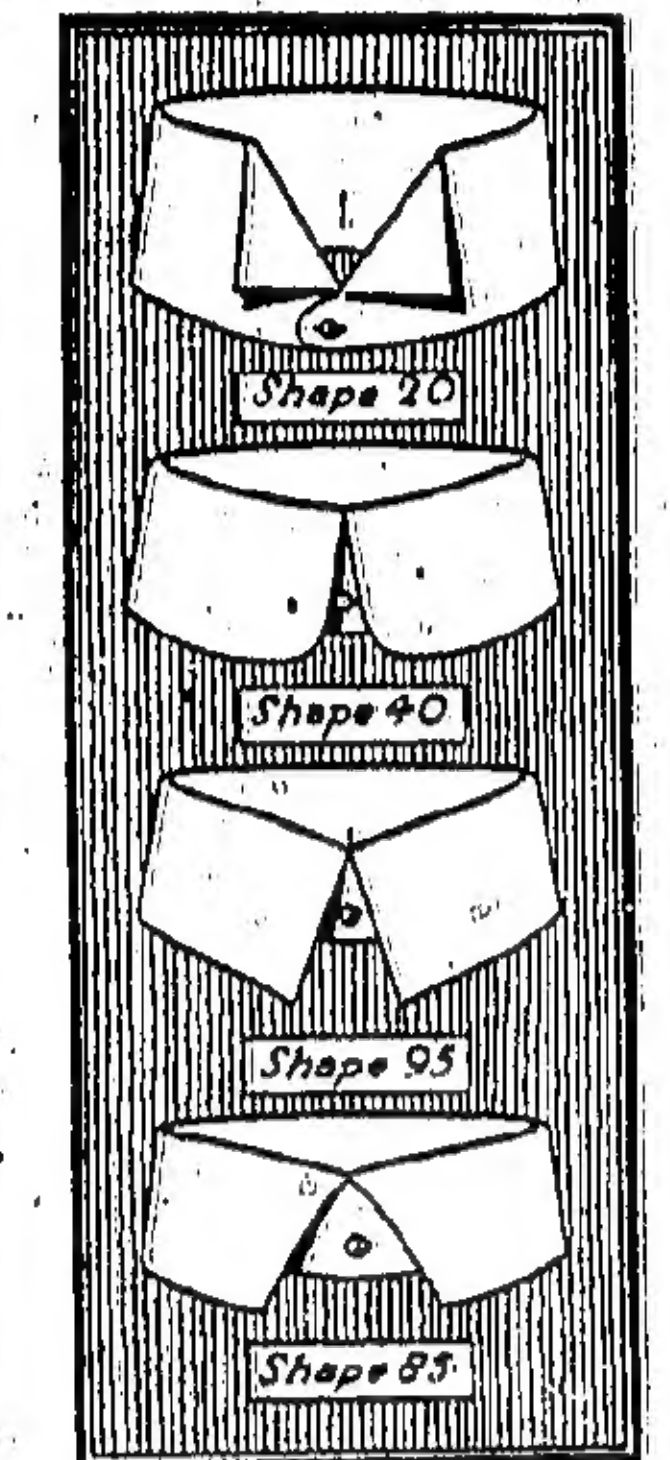
(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The King has approved of the appointment of Mr. Harold Baxter Kittermaster, O.B.E., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Protectorate of Somaliland.

(Mr. Kittermaster, who succeeds Lieut. Colonel G. H. Summers, C.M.G., has been Secretary to the Administration in Somaliland. The salary of the Governor is £1,800 and that of the Secretary £800 to £1,000.)

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A RETROSPECT.

PRIME MINISTER'S REVIEW
OF THE YEAR.

PROSPEROUS NEIGHBOURS WANTED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

In his speech in London last night prior to his departure for Scotland, the Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) dealt with the record of the Government during the past year and laid special emphasis on questions of health and national economy.

The Dawes Plan.

He said that the past year had witnessed a notable advance in the European situation. The Dawes plan had achieved initial success. It was of the greatest importance that it marked in Germany the definite achievement of two things: a balanced budget and a stabilized currency. For the moment, German business was finding itself embarrassed by not unreasonably credit stringency, and they were free to face now with their own problem of unemployment. "All hoped that this would pass, because it was realised now that we did not want poor neighbours but prosperous neighbours. If the commerce of Europe was to progress."

Conditions in France.

In France, conditions to-day exhibited a sharp contrast. There had been a considerable decline in the exchange value of the franc, and this was giving French industry a new, though he believed temporary, advantage in many competitive markets. The British had found in iron, steel, and coal what this meant; but their hope was that so far as they were concerned the dislocation would be temporary.

Progress in Italy.

In Italy, the past year had been one of steady progress and activity. General satisfaction had been caused by her settlement with America on liberal terms of her debt. He had every hope that the negotiations now proceeding between Italy and Britain would be brought to a successful issue.

Locarno Pact.

Perhaps the culminating point was in the appreciation of Britain's political stock abroad, which was reached last month when the Treaty of Locarno was sealed in London. He was only too well aware that the spirit of Locarno had to be translated into continuous action; but it was in that spirit that they had sent Lord Cecil to Geneva to take part in the Disarmament Conference. The Government realised the difficulty of that problem, but all were pledged by treaty to attempt it with sincerity and with frankness.

GUNBOATS ORDER.

AMERICAN PREFERENCE
FOR CHINESE.

LOWER BRITISH OFFERS REJECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

Although in excess of the offers of two well-known British yards here, the tender of the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works (a Chinese Government concern) to build the six new American gunboats, whose construction Congress recently authorised, at \$154,000 (gold) per vessel, has been accepted.

The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company tendered \$107,500 (gold) and the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works tendered Tls. 134,000.

NOTHING DOING!

LIBERAL SUPPORT NOT TO
BE PURCHASED.

LABOUR LEADER'S REPLY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour M.P. for Burnley), in a speech at Burnley yesterday, replied to Mr. Lloyd George's recent speech on the question of a suggested alliance between the Liberal and Labour Parties.

Mr. Henderson said that whatever happened the Labour Party would not purchase Liberal support by the betrayal of its principles, the lowering of its ideals, or the mutilation of its programme.

SHIPPING MISHAP.

DUTCH STEAMER MAKING
WATER.

PUTS IN AT GIBRALTAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Gibraltar, Jan. 26.

The Dutch steamer "Medan," from Surabaya bound for New York, has put in here.

The vessel is making water at the rate of six inches an hour.

SOVIET TERMS.

WHAT MARSHAL CHANG
TSO-LIN SIGNED.

RAILWAY SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 26.

According to Russian reports the Chang Tso-lin and Soviet agreement was signed at Mukden on Sunday night. The terms follow:

Firstly.—Release of M. Ivanoff and others.

Secondly.—Restoration of normal traffic.

Thirdly.—Cost of Chinese military transportation to be paid from China's share of the C.E.R. profits.

Fourthly.—Military transportation to be in accordance with the Railway's regulations.

Fifthly.—Compensation for damages and losses to the Railway, through the incident, and also other claims to be considered later.

[An earlier Peking message reported:—The Russian Embassy states that M. Ivanoff has been released. It is also stated that a satisfactory agreement, regarding the transportation of Chinese troops, has been reached between Marshal Chang Tso-lin and the Soviet Consul-General at Mukden.]

ITALY'S DEBT.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED
TO-DAY.

TRIUMPH FOR VOLPI.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 26.

The complete agreement reached for the funding of Italy's debt to Great Britain will be signed to-morrow.

QUERY FOR VOLPI.

Main Figures Determined.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The confidence expressed in last night's communiqué that an agreement as to the terms on which the Italian War Debt would be settled was within sight was confirmed in a brief interview granted to the Press by Count Volpi at his hotel last night. He was asked if the figures of settlement had been determined and replied: "As to the principal yes; and there may be a few changes before we settle definitely."

SEVERE 'QUAKE.

RECORDED IN SYDNEY
AND PERTH.

PROBABLY IN SOLOMON ISLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Perth (West Australia), Jan. 26.

A severe earthquake was recorded here at 8.45 a.m. yesterday. It is estimated to have been 2,300 miles away.

A Sydney (New South Wales) message says that a severe earthquake was recorded there at 10.41 a.m. yesterday. It was estimated to be 1,750 miles away, probably in the Solomon Islands.

[The Solomon Islands, in the West Pacific, are 500 miles east of New Guinea; they are mountainous and volcanic, with a heavy rainfall. The group forms part of the British Empire, as under the Peace Treaty those of the islands formerly belonging to Germany were assigned to Australia. The area of the group is 17,000 square miles, and the population 170,000.]

RADIO WEEK.

INTERNATIONAL TEST IN
NEW YORK.

INTERFERENCE DISCOUNTED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 26.

In spite of interferences, caused by S.O.S. calls from the British steamer "Laristan" (which has been abandoned off Halifax, and which caused all American stations to suspend transmissions until 10.30 p.m.) and by the earthquake which caused fading, last night's opening of the third international broadcasting test is declared by the Radio Week Committee to have been a greater success than the first night of Radio Week last year.

At least 1,200 listeners are already known to have heard music from England.

COLOURED BRIDE.

MILLIONAIRE'S DIVORCE
SUIT.

BITTER LAW FIGHT.

America to-day is seething in another "black" v. "white" scandal, which may have the gravest effects on the 11,000,000 coloured citizens of the union, who are daily getting more restive under the curious anomalies freedom brings under the "Stars and Stripes."

The case is one in which Leonard Kip Rhinelander, the heir to the Rhinelander millions, amassed by a proud exclusive Huguenot family, is petitioning a New York court to annul his marriage, contracted last year, with Alice Beatrice Jones, a slim, dark, and beautiful girl on the ground that she is of negro descent and concealed this from him before the ceremony.

Former Servant.

Society was scandalised when the news of the marriage leaked out. Alice, who says she is twenty-three, lived in a small wooden house in New Rochelle, and worked as a domestic servant and a waitress.

It was said that her parents were of British descent. "My father," she told interviewers, "was born at Coventry, in Leicestershire, and mother came from Alford, in England."

One sister is married to a negro butler employed by a wealthy family, and the father was described as a taxi-cab driver and an odd-job man, though some claims were made that he was a "real estate man."

On both sides the case is being fought with unusual bitterness. Alice sat in court and shuddered as her husband's lawyer assailed her ancestry and the motives which led to her marriage.

"The alliance," he shouted, "was fraudulent and deceptive." The bride with her face buried beneath a deep fur collar, listened while she was called a "black vampire." The heir to the Rhinelander fortune was said to be mentally weak when she wilfully infatuated him, pursuing him until he "was her slave: body and soul he belonged to her."

Four hundred and twenty-six love letters written by the girl were stacked on the tables in the court, and from some of them counsel read passionate extracts. Some of these passages were unprintable. From one letter it was sought to prove that Alice had been unchaste before her marriage.

"I have had some sweethearts," she had written.

From a huge pile of documents gathered together at enormous expense the parentage and origin of the girl's family was proved.

Sitting listening to this without a tremor on his face was the bridegroom. He betrayed no emotion even when he was characterized as one on whom no woman ever smiled until the dark-faced daughters of the New Rochelle taxi-driver met him.

His Mentality.

The story of this meeting was thus described:—

"Remember that this boy is only twenty-two years old, far younger than the woman who claims to be his wife," said counsel. "His mother died in 1915, and his father has had the care of him. When Leonard was eight years old he developed a physical affliction that made him tongue-tied; and from which he still suffers. His mentality became affected."

"When he was seventeen he was treated for mental backwardness. He had money, a motor-car, and all that, and he fell into the company of a miserable wretch named Carl Kreidler, who took him about."

"When they were motoring near the Jones' home a girl accosted him. They invited her to ride. She went. They toured about, and finally Kreidler went away with Grace. When they returned Kreidler agreed to meet Grace again. He could not keep the appointment, but Rhinelander did, and explained his companion's absence. Alice came along then, and Grace introduced her."

"They met in October, but on December 23, 1921, she wrote him saying she was going to stay at the Marie Antoinette Hotel and they registered there five days."

Then in a series of daily letters, the lawyer said, the girl fought to regain and retain the love of the youth.

"He was utterly infatuated. He did not know black from white. He gave her an engagement ring in 1923, but he refused to marry her until he became of age. Meanwhile she was threatening to return to her old sweetheart and we will produce that sweetheart in court and she was telling him of the hundred dates she might have made with either man while he was away, of the Harvard graduate whom she had turned down for him. Finally he became of age, he left Arizona, and I am told went to her before he went to his father's home."



ROSEMARY DERING

If "Red" Grange, the great (green) back, survives the gruelling football schedule mapped out for him in his quest for touchdowns and dollars, he will have Rosemary Dering, Chicago, as the leading woman in his first venture in the films.

H.K. HOTEL RESIDENTS.

January 27.

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Mr. W. A. Dowley
Mr. G. A. Falsie
Mr. W. H. Hare
Mr. A. Hill
Miss A. and F. Hamilton
Mr. J. E. Joseph
Mr. G. Kingston
Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Lacon

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January 6.

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Mr. and Mrs. Van
Andel and child
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Mr. Bannerman
Mr. and Mrs. Bird
Mr. and Mrs. C. G.
Black
Mr. and Mrs. Brown
Mr. C. W. Bradburn
Mr. K. Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. Brown
Mr. N. Lousen
Mr. P. Cherry
Mr. H. E. Clifford
Mr. and Mrs. Castello
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After all this evidence Mrs. Rhinelander upset the original plans of her husband's counsel by conceding that she was of partly negro parentage.

Mrs. Rhinelander's counsel, in his reply attacked the bridegroom with extraordinary violence.

He described him as "a stammering nut" and "an infatuated imbecile." Only when medical testimony was introduced to show that he was weak-minded did perspiration break out on his face, and he shivered.

The wife's lawyers said that he dined and wine with coloured members of the Jones family, played with a little black niece of Alice, slept in the bed of her dark-skinned father, and would have had to be blind, not insane, to have believed she was white.

Rhinelander was mercilessly cross-examined, and was forced into contradictions. He said that he never dreamed that she was tainted with negro blood.

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TOURISTS.

World tours are a feature of American activity, and should soon spread to the peoples of Europe. It has been the privilege of America to initiate ideas and to see them copied elsewhere. Somerset Maugham in one of his superb sketches shows a resident in China imbibing a taste for romance by getting it from highly-coloured—in more senses than one—magazines ignoring the romance at his very doors. Those who take the trouble to "do" either "Yurup" or the "world," we may be sure have exhausted the possibilities of their own interesting country, and have set out to see wherein the "call" of the East lies. We may not envy them the method of their enquiry, but common sense dictates that it is the best in all the circumstances. When private yachts become as cheap as Ford's, we may expect such tours to be less deliberate and to fall in line with Stevenson's maxim that it is far better to travel than to arrive. Hongkong is definitely, on the map with regard to American tourists and there is at least one result—a respect for British administration and enterprise. There may be an absence of such things as quick lunch counters, and safety first signals, but there is sufficient to show that quietly and steadily a work is being done here that demands respect. Allied to a natural harbour, there is natural beauty of scenery, which must always affect the imagination. But there are other things to which the attention of visitors should be drawn who naturally become advance agents and either condemn or recommend. These world tours are planned by experts and they go through without a hitch. A voyage on a ship may be one of the most boring things on earth—but that is not so on these large liners. A stay in port may become a listless passing of time, but energetic minds see that it is not. In spite of this, improvements may be suggested. We have something else to offer besides good motor roads and shops that tempt the eye and the purse. Could there not be some method of co-operation between organisers and those who conduct the

concerns which are the result of energy and enterprise? The United States has probably better universities, docks and industrial concerns than has Hongkong. Being patriotic, we do not concede the point. We insist that what we have is worth seeing and provides object lessons in the matter of co-operation—the co-operation of British and Chinese capital, the co-operation of British and Chinese labour, and the aim of British administration to bring Western culture to the Chinese race. There is misconception in some American minds on the question of British imperialism. Some of that will be removed by these world tours. This is one reason why we urge that the Colony should be "At Home" when each boat-load of visitors comes to see what Hongkong is like.

"Buy British Goods."

According to Mr. Stanley Machin, President of the Association of British Chambers of Empire, "Buy British Goods" is the slogan of the British Empire to-day. It may be the slogan so far as the British Isles are concerned, and once a British Merchandise Marks Act is on the Statute-book, the campaign may make considerable progress. This movement has been before the public for some time now, but so far as evidence at first hand is concerned it is to be feared that it can be dubbed as nothing more or less than a beautiful piece of sentiment. Last November Sir George Elliot, Chairman of the Bank of New Zealand, was quoted by the "Daily Mail" as tendering the advice to New Zealanders to buy British goods. He stated that if the British people insisted on getting New Zealand butter, for example, New Zealand farming would be stimulated, and a wider field opened to emigrants. The advantages of inter-imperial trade were shown by the fact that Australia and New Zealand recently bought more British cotton goods than China and Hongkong. "Imperial trade," it was pointed out, "keeps the money in the family, besides strengthening the communities which in the hour of danger gave most valiant and effective help on the battlefield. It also provides compensation for our shrinking markets in Europe and Asia." In theory, of course, the idea is a splendid one, to which every British consumer, at Home and overseas, will readily subscribe. The vital obstacle is that in practice it is only too apt to be ignored, as memories of "Buy Australian Goods" campaigns amply proved. It is no exaggeration to say that the average British housewife who has most of the say in such campaigns is too easily content either to take what she is given over the counter or to demand the particular brand of goods that she has been in the habit of buying. Past experience has proved this up to the hilt.

SUB-LETTING.

RENT FOR PART GREATER THAN WHOLE?

COURT'S RESTRICTED POWER.

Another case of sub-letting a portion of premises for an allegedly greater rent than the whole, came before the Summary Court yesterday. As there is no specific power under the Hongkong Ordinances for the Judge to effect appointment of standard rent, the plaintiff's case was dismissed with costs. Mr. Addison Hargreaves was the plaintiff and the house in question was No. 4, Chatham Road. Mr. Hargreaves had let the house to Mr. B. J. B. Kennedy-Skipiton (Secretary). Others present were Dr. A. G. M. Severn and Mr. D. Davies.

SANITARY BOARD.

QUESTIONS ON WATER EXAMINATION.

RABIES POSITION OUTLINED.

The following questions were asked by Dr. W. V. M. Koch at the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday afternoon:—

- (1) Is it the case that the bacteriological examination of the Hongkong potable waters is made only once a month?
- (2) Is it not advisable that such examinations should be made at least once a week?
- (3) Can and will the authorities concerned take steps to have this done?

In reply the Chairman said that so far as the first part of the question was concerned, he was authorised to say that the reply was in the affirmative. The examination was made once a month. In regard to part two, a weekly examination would have advantages. In regard to part three, the question of increasing the staff of the Bacteriological Institute was under consideration by the Government. Without such increase it would not be possible to make the examinations more frequent.

Dr. Koch said he thought it would be very advisable for the Government to increase the staff of the Bacteriological Institute. There was no doubt whatever that the question of water supply ought to be attended to much more than it was at present. Examination once a week, he thought, would not be much too often.

Dr. J. C. Macgown said he agreed with what Dr. Koch had said. They knew from reports that often the water was not satisfactory and had to be chlorinated. It was possible that the water might not be satisfactory the day after it was examined, and did that mean that they had to run the chance of pollution lasting a month?

The Chairman remarked that if the water was found in any way defective, action was taken, and that was followed up by further analysis and examination.

Prevention of Rabies.

A further question asked by Dr. Koch was whether in view of the recurrence of rabies from time to time in the Colony, and of the proved efficiency of antirabic vaccination as a preventive, would the authorities consider the possibility of insisting upon such vaccination for dogs previous to the issue of a licence.

The Chairman said he was authorised to reply that the matter was receiving the careful attention of the Government. He thought it would not be out of place to make a statement on the rabies situation. He had seen one newspaper had reported that there were three cases in one day. That was not so; there were three during a week-end.

There had been no cases since last April until quite recently, three cases appearing in a week in Hongkong. The first case was along the Praya, the dog jumping into the harbour. It was fished out, drowned, and was discovered to have been suffering from rabies. Enquiries were made as to where it had been bitten, but none of these people could be found. The second case was in Wyndham Street. The police secured the dog, and dogs it had been in contact with were caught and were still under observation. The third case was in Des Voeux Road, and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon secured the dog himself. It was killed. The whole situation was receiving careful attention and it was only fair that the public should know there was a definite outbreak.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided and members present were Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. W. T'so, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton (Secretary). Others present were Dr. A. G. M. Severn and Mr. D. Davies.

was \$100 a month whereas Mr. Hargreaves had been paying \$120 a month in respect of the first floor and \$92 in respect of the ground floor. Mr. Hargreaves claimed the return of \$984 from the lessor (Tung Ho Company, real estate agents), in excess of standard rent.

In support of Mr. Hargreaves' case, evidence was given by Mr. J. Basto, who formerly owned and lived at No. 4, Chatham Road, Kowloon. He said that he sold the house to the defendants in 1923. He had owned the house since 1912, and the rent was \$100 exclusive of rates. The premises were assessed at \$100 and up to the time he vacated the premises in 1923, there had been no higher assessment. On the grounds that he had no option under the Ordinance, Mr. Hargreaves was ordered to pay the standard rent in respect of the whole house.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

The heavy toll which A YEAR'S death has exacted—TOLL among famous men during 1925 is reflected in the pages of the new issue of "Debrett," which with its 8,820 pages, is at once an indispensable book of reference and a national history.

On an average, one person mentioned in "Debrett" died each day throughout the year, and the more famous names in the obituary columns include:

Queen Alexandra.
Dr. Burge, Bishop of Oxford.
Sir Eyre Crowe, of the Foreign Office.
Lord Curzon.
Sir F. C. Gould, the carbo-nist.
Field-Marshal Lord Grenfell.
Maharaja of Gwalior.
Sir Rider Haggard, the novelist.
Lord Leverhulme.
Lord Milner.
Lord Pentland.
Lord Rawlinson.
Colonel Repington.
Lord Ribblesdale.
Duke of Rutland.
Sir Pratab Singh.
Sir Edward Sassoon.
Admiral Sturdee.
Sir James Vexall.
Field-Marshal Lord Ypres.

Both at home and abroad DEATHS the year has also seen the passing of many other prominent people who do not come within the scope of "Debrett," the lengthy list including:—

Leon Bourgeois, French statesman.
Fred Bramley, of the Trades Union Congress.
Hjalmar Branting, Swedish Premier.
President Ebert.
Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer.
Anatol France, French writer.
Harry Furniss, the cartoonist.
Lucien Guitry, French actor.
Mrs. Haldane (aged 100), Lord Haldane's mother.
Godfrey Isaacs, of Marconi's.
W. F. Massey, New Zealand Prime Minister.
Joseph Rowntree, social reformer.
Eugen Sandow, the "strong man."
John Sargent, the portrait painter.
Vice-Admiral Seymour.
Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Chinese revolutionary leader.

The preface to "Debrett" relates an interesting episode in which the Post Office correctly delivered a letter bearing the firm's 18th century address.

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Last year showed an output of new books in the United Kingdom equal to that of 1913. True, 1924 came within 30 of the pre-war figure, but no earlier intervening year approached it. The war not only diminished book-publishing during its actual course, but administered a check to output which has not been completely overcome until now. If reprints are counted as well as new books, the recovery may be dated a little earlier. The gross number of new books does not, of course, bear any fixed proportion to the number of those which, for their quality, posterity will care to remember. Nevertheless it is a fair hypothesis that the more facility there is for books to appear, the more stimulus and encouragement there is, on the whole, for original and valuable books to be written. On the other hand, the critical task of disentangling them from the crowd becomes always harder, the larger the crowd grows. Not that it was ever an easy one, or so fully performed in any age as to exclude the possibility of later investigators' striking overlooked gold.

How does an innocent man behave when for the first time an accusation of murder is flung at him?

Kean, the actor, was to play the part of a man wrongfully accused of murder. He decided himself to accuse an innocent man of murder. Two fellow-actors and he chose as their victim a man known to have spent the last thirty years of his life helping others, while he lived in a garret. The accusation was made. "The old man in the shabby suit interrupted him with a cry of horror, and raising his hands in the air dashed out of the room and down the stairs." A shot rang out, and the philanthropist was found dead on the floor.

It came out at the inquest that forty years before the man had shot a man dead.

CLASSIC AND ROMANTIC.

The spirit of romance is as old as human language. There have been times when the current of romance was feeble, as in the ascendancy of Rome. There have been times when the frame of the world rested not on facts, but on wonders. When the mace of barbarism, beating on the rock of Roman civilisation, called forth a spring or romance which still freshens all the literature of modern Europe.

The term romance was first used to denote the vernacular language of France, as opposed to Latin. In later use it was extended to related forms of speech, such as Provençal and Spanish, until it became a collective name for the whole group of languages descended from Latin.

In England the word romance was first applied to a book in the fourteenth century. From denoting a composition in vernacular French, Spanish, and so forth, as contrasted with works in Latin, the meaning of the word narrowed down to signify a tale in verse or prose, embodying the adventures of some hero of chivalry. This meaning continued to be the only one in the Middle Ages and was, of course, well-known in the eighteenth century. The old heroic romances were still quite popular in the age of Pope and afterwards.

The second outburst of the spirit of romance in the adolescence of English literature—the flamboyant age of Queen Elizabeth—applied the word in a new sense. It now denoted a fictitious narrative in prose of which the incidents are very remote from those of ordinary life.

Since the beginning of the nineteenth century the adjective "romantic" has been contrasted with "classic" in England. Though useful and necessary, the terms may give and frequently have given rise to confusion. They have been used to include so many different characters that, as soon as they are applied to men of books, it is quite certain that some of their connotations will not exactly apply to the author or work in question. But they are most unsatisfactory of all when applied to literary periods. It will not

suffice to say that the eighteenth century was "classic" and the nineteenth "romantic." No period belongs exclusively to the one category or to the other. Indeed, it may be doubted whether any single author can be relegated wholly to one or other of these categories. Both elements persist at all times and in all places. The struggle for predominance between these opposing forces is everlasting in the human soul and in literature. In both the struggle is regulated by the spirit of the age. It is true to say Pope and Johnson were classic, Thomson and Goldsmith romantic. But this should not be taken in the sense that Thomson and Goldsmith are free from classic traits,—that the author of the "Epic of the Ages" (1717) is never romantic and that the writer of "London" (1733) and "The Vanity of Human Wishes" (1749) has no emotional fervour. The very basis of these two poems is the impassioned discontent and unrest which are the essential mark of the romantic element in literature.

Yet a distinction between the terms classic and romantic is inevitable. But let us beware of taking "wide and wider swamps." We apply the distinction that classic poets have a feeling for the value of form and that romantic poets care not for form, but content. Can these however be separated? Do we ever read a poem with attention to content alone? Or is classicism intellectual, romanticism emotional? Are these not equally and at the same time characteristics of all great poets? Do we not find both heart and head, both passion and intellect in all? Singularity, indignation, satire, too, belong to all schools.

However, when we approach the words "classic and romantic" from an historical standpoint we are on safe ground. After we have seen when and how they were first used, how their connotations developed and were finally contrasted, we shall perhaps be able to hazard an enumeration of some of the main characteristics of the "classic" and the "romantic" periods. In "Modern English Romanticism" (1924) Mr. G. de

DIRECTORS PRAISED.

TO-DAY'S LAND INVESTMENT MEETING.

SHAREHOLDERS' APPROVAL.

Mr. E. G. M. Bernard presided over the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co. Ltd. held this morning at the offices of Messrs Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd.

The Chairman was supported by Sir Paul Chater, Mr. H. B. White, Father Robert, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. S. Gubbay and the Secretary, Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

Shareholders present were: Messrs. H. T. Ingram, E. M. Raymond, J. Arnold, R. L. Beldger, Capt. Kennedy, H. Bickett, A. Murdoch, P. Cassidy, T. G. Weall, R. M. Austin, F. C. Potts, P. M. N. de Silva, H. Joseph, H. Ruttenberg, D. V. Stevenson, F. Austin, A. S. M. Nissim, H. Kompton, Kelly Sayce, J. M. Alves, F. G. Agabeg, A. M. de Silva, G. A. Ribeiro, R. E. Besah, H. Ruttenberg, F. Laurel, A. J. C. Rocha, F. M. Pereira, G. H. Piercy, C. Rocha, C. S. Remedios, E. E. Osmund, A. C. Kennedy, E. H. C. Hornell, O. P. Ribeiro, D. MacNair, J. E. Joseph, F. Pollock, F. Austin, F. M. Ellis, E. Abraham, E. A. Simon, J. F. Grose, G. Paracheon, P. A. V. Ribeiro, J. A. Carvalho, E. Henderson, W. J. Ribeiro, R. M. G. Silva, J. M. C. da Souza, R. E. C. Randall, J. F. Wright, J. E. V. Osmund, J. Baptista, D. J. Pavesi, E. Sadick, B. J. Laron, N. L. H. Ralston, J. Lyon, H. M. Potts.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said: The Report and Statement of Accounts, together with the auditors' Report, have been in your hands for some days and with your permission I propose to follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The balance of profit and loss account this year amounts to only \$1,043,046.15, compared with \$3,183,287.51 for the previous year. But this latter amount included large profits on sales of property and shares. If these are eliminated it will be found that the net revenue account is \$1,023,216.15 in 1925 compared to \$866,449.55 in 1924, or an increase of \$366,766.60 in 1925.

In his speech at this meeting a year ago, my predecessor told you that no sales of property had been effected since August, 1923, and added that the existing state of the property market did not indicate that the Company would find sales a material source of profit in 1925. This forecast proved entirely correct and the only sale made during the year was of a house at the Peak. It could not, of course, be expected that the property boom would last many years and your directors were quite prepared for the reaction which has set in.

The Accounts.

Turning now to the accounts, "Accounts receivable" at \$573,865.53, is high compared to \$468,896.67 on December 31, 1924. Both these figures include the sum of \$225,000 due in respect of the sale of some Praya East reclamation rights. As a rule a mortgage is executed for such a sale and the amount included under "amount advanced on mortgages." In this instance, however, no mortgage deed was drawn up but we retained the documents as security. This account also includes rents due and interest on mortgages. The former are about normal but there is a substantial sum outstanding in interest. Your directors have considered these outstanding carefully and are of opinion that they will all be paid but that in any case the security is adequate to cover them.

An interim dividend of \$2 per share has already been paid and your directors recommend a final dividend of \$2 per share absorbing \$480,000; pay a bonus to staff of \$8,000 and carry forward \$848,140.53 which includes \$773,124.38 brought forward from the previous year. Last year we were able to pay a bonus of \$2.50 per share in addition to this

HAPPY CHOICE.

THE CARP AND GOOD LUCK.

SCOTT'S EMULSION ENTERPRISE.

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The scroll is a reproduction of a portrait of a carp attributed to Tang Ying, the famous artist of the Ming Dynasty. It depicts, in deeply soft-toned ink and delicate gold tones with light gradations predominating, a carp leaping the waves by moonlight and seeming to fulfil the old Chinese proverb "A carp may at a single leap ascend the Dragon Gate and become a dragon."

The subject is a peculiarly happy choice, for the carp is looked upon as an omen of prosperity and good fortune and takes a prominent part in well-known legends of the Chinese New Year festivities. Copies of this work of art may be obtained from local dispensaries and stores by all purchasers of Scott's Emulsion.

LORRY ACCIDENT.

INQUIRY INTO INDIAN'S DEATH.

DRIVER NOT BLAMED.

Medical evidence given at a Coroner's inquiry held by Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistrate yesterday into the death of an Indian watchman, from injuries received when he was knocked down at Wanchai by a motor lorry showed that death was caused by multiple injuries and shock.

A witness estimated the speed of the lorry at 20 miles an hour, but the driver maintained that he was driving at about eight miles an hour.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and attributed no blame to the driver. They added a rider recommending that the police should insist on the lorries being fitted with a device which would limit their speed.

dividend but we had substantial profits from sales of property and shares to draw upon when we have not got this year. The carry forward will be \$75,016.15 larger and this year directors consider only prudent in view of our large outstanding although, as I have already said, they regard them as sound.

I do not think, gentlemen, that there are any other matters that call for explanation and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Company Congratulated.

Mr. T. G. Weall rose to second. In doing so he felt sure, he said, that he had the unanimous support of the meeting. "The Chairman has just informed us that in spite of there being no profit from the sale of property or shares the net revenue shows an increase of \$367,666.60 for the year. Under the conditions that have been ruling in this Colony for the past six months I consider this result to be highly satisfactory. Although all of us like to see bonuses when conditions permit, the directors are sincerely to be congratulated upon the balance sheet laid before you to-day; and the distribution they have been able to recommend. With these remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report as circulated."

Mr. Kelly Sayce, also spoke on behalf of the shareholders and congratulated the directors on the final dividend they had been able to make in spite of the difficult conditions through which all concerns were passing and the stringency of liquid cash. He hoped that the sum would soon shine again and that the directors would be in a position later to advocate bonuses such as they had given in the past.

The adoption of the report and accounts was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected directors (their period of service having expired) on the proposition of Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Raymond.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Sun and Fleming and Messrs. Unstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$10 each on the proposition of Mr. Baynes, seconded by Mr. Bridger.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were obtainable at the Company's office from tomorrow.

A MOB FIGHT.

"HOTEL DISHES NOT LESS THAN 20 CENTS"

RESTAURANT WAR CRY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Jan. 20. Since the withdrawal of the regular troops, lawlessness has been rife. There are only 30 "Man Tuen" (civil guards) at Pakkai and they refrained from interfering in a big mob fight.

Two large crowds of labourers met at the railway station and started a fight on the evening of January 19 with revolvers, knives, etc. A launch carrying more than a hundred "rowdies" came down from Kongmoon and joined in the scrap.

After half an hour's mobbing it became apparent that the dispute was between employees of the restaurants, on the one hand, and of hotels on the other. The restaurant men wanted it to be agreed that hotels should not undercut by selling any dish under 20 cents. When darkness set in the mob retired. Each side had several wounded. One of these was carried away by the police to hospital but he succumbed to his injuries. Loss of life is likely to prolong the feud.

\$800,000 Opium Seized.

On strike pickets being despatched at Kwonghoi, from Canton, the s.s. "Ng Tai Chow" (meaning the Five Great Continents), which is about the size of the usual Hongkong-Wuchow steamer, was seized and escorted to Pakkai by the Canton gunboat "Kong Koo." It is alleged that opium, valued at \$800,000, was found on board. The ship was sent on to Canton. Passengers bound for Macao were released at Pakkai and sent back to Kwonghoi by rail. The s.s. "Hoi Wing" is still on the run.

Mines in the River?

As previously reported pirates mined Sam Kong Hui (the mouth of the creek to Kongmoon, from Kaemoon and the "three ports" of Kunyick, Suncheong and Cheung-shu) where a tow-boat was blown up. Now the tow-boats from Canton will only go as far as the end of Kongmoon where passengers and cargo are transported up-country by rail.

Miscellaneous Notes.

A telegram has just been received to the effect that Canton Government troops landed on Hainan Island at Sun Yeung on January 17 and subsequently marched on Ma Lo Pat.

Kongmoon is to be made independent of the Sanwui district (magistracy). Luk Ku-yun has been nominated as the first mayor.

On account of a shortage of coal, the Sunning Railway now runs three trains a day instead of four. At present it is not safe to travel on the railway. The rails need repairs and the train was derailed twice on the same day, near Sunning, about a fortnight ago.

Troops are constantly on the move but there have been no press-gangs. The military are very orderly.

N.U.R. DECISION.

STRIKE AVERTED AT THE LAST MOMENT.

COMPANIES AND THE AWARD.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The railwaymen's decision to accept the award of the National Wages Board was carried at last night's meeting of the National Union of Railwaymen by 41 votes to 36.

The issue was a straight one and the non-acceptance of the award would have involved the Union in a strike; for the Railway Companies' at a conference held earlier in the day had made it clear that they intended to give effect to the Board's decision.

COMPANIES' REPLY.

The reply of the Companies to the men's representations stated that they themselves had been intensely disappointed at the finding of the Board in view of the financial condition of their undertakings. It added that the Unions had brought forward no new considerations and that to re-open the case would strike at the root of collective bargaining.

THOMAS SATISFIED.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, in a speech last night, declared that he was satisfied he had not made a mistake in advocating peace. A railway strike would definitely have put the clock back at a time when the country had passed through the worst stage of the depression and when there were prospects of prosperity reviving. He added that he was proud that he had succeeded in his "peace" endeavours; for he believed that he had done the right thing for the railwaymen and for the country.

CHURCH MATTERS.

YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR CATHEDRAL.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

The Bishop of Victoria, the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, presided over a full attendance of the Church Body and a fair number of the congregation on the occasion of the annual meeting yesterday of seatholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral Hall.

In the course of his report Mr. Rowell referred to the Women's Guild and said that there must be many women in the Colony who feel the endless strain of enforced leisure—it should be remembered that the Women's Guild will give them a warm welcome and some admirable work to do.

Among other matters touched on by Mr. Powell were the following: Considerable progress has been made in the refurbishing of the Cathedral—notably in the Lady Chapel—but on general improvements and re-furnishing it would be easy to spend an additional thirty thousand dollars.

The new organ casing is a distinct asset, and the proposed additional scheme for the chancel, a plan of which is hung on the west door, will add much to its beauty.

The C.E.M.S. has been active in many ways, and was responsible for a series of public lectures in the winter months.

The services of the Cathedral have tended to improve and the congregations have increased. Several congregational singing practices have been held, and the improvement in the congregational singing has been noticeable—though in this respect we have far to travel.

Pew Rents.

It is to be hoped most devoutly that the time may soon come when the finances of the Cathedral will allow the present system of pew-rents to be changed—all seats should, of course, be free and unappropriated.

Church Accounts.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Treasurer, in presenting the balance sheet and accounts for the year said:—

You will notice from the Statement in your hands, that we began the year with a deficit of \$9,742.32, but I am glad to say this was offset by our generous benefactor, Sir Paul Chater, who at once sent a cheque for \$9,000.

Estimating our normal expenditure for the coming year to be about the same as the last, namely, about \$16,250, and our normal receipts to be about the same, with the addition of the increased revenue on Chater's Endowment Fund, there should be a satisfactory credit balance at the close of the present year.

The Organ.

As you are aware, serious defects were found in the Organ some time ago, and drastic measures had to be taken to put it in order. Fortunately we had in the Colony, Mr. Blackett, the organ builder, who has for a long time taken such a keen interest in it, and it was decided he should proceed at once with the work of reconditioning those parts which were affected by climatic and other causes. The total cost is estimated to be about \$14,000, and when completed, it is asserted by several people, we shall have in this Cathedral an Organ second to none East of Suez.

Regarding donations, you will notice we have received from one large office in the Colony a sum of \$350. This is made up of monthly donations from 5 or 6 gentlemen in this Colony (of \$5), and I would strongly recommend that the staffs of other large concerns be approached by someone interested in the work of the Church for similar small monthly donations.

Six lay members of the Church Body were elected as follows: Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Forster, W. L. Pattenden, (Hon. Sec.), P. S. Cassidy, J. A. E. Bullock and Lieut. Colonel T. R. Robertson.

Mr. Owen Hughes, on the subject of the appointment of an auditor, drew attention to the need of a fully qualified professional. Mr. Pattenden proposed Mr. B. O. Blaker for the office, and this was seconded by Mr. Cassidy. There followed a discussion on the benefits which would accrue from a professional revision of the accounts at a fee. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously, as was a vote of thanks to Mr. D. E. G. Nicholson, who had previously carried out the duties.

Thanks to Helpers.

The Bishop expressed his gratitude to Mr. Powell for the keen and efficient way he had carried on the work at the Cathedral during the past troublesome months, and also to Mr. E.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

YESTERDAY'S PLEASANT GARDEN PARTY.

1,200 GUESTS ENTERTAINED.

Tea tables were arranged over the lawns of Government House yesterday and the drawing and ante-rooms were thrown open for the use of guests, the occasion being the entertainment of guests by His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi and Lady Clementi, the garden party taking the place of the New Year Ball cancelled owing to the period of court mourning for Her late Majesty, Queen Alexandra.

Between 1,200 and 1,300 attended the garden party.

The guests were met by Capt. Steele (A.D.C.) and walked through the house to be received by the Governor and Lady Clementi before passing to the lawn.

Capt. Steele was assisted by the following: Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin (Hon. A.D.C.), Capt. Swinton, Mr. L. V. H. Booth, Mr. E. Foster and Mr. Sayer.

A musical programme was given by the band of H.M.S. "Hawkins." Dancing took place in the ball-room, music being supplied by the band of H.M.S. "Hermes."

Amongst those who attended were the Admiral (Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O.), and several Naval Officers including H.R.H. Prince George, the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy) Commodore A. J. B. Strickland, Col. C. Russell Brown, D.S.O., Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Members of the Legislative Council, the Consular Body, Father Robert, Lt.-Col. Montague Bates, Mr. W. W. Hornell and a large number of Chinese friends.

A well-to-do Scottish lady one day said to her gardener: "Mon, Thomas, I wonder you don't get married. You've got a nice house, and all you want to complete it is a wife. You know that the first gardener that ever lived had a wife."

"Quite rest, missus," said Thomas, "quite rest. But he didn't keep his job long after he had gotten the wife."

Mason, the organist, for his help. They also had to thank Mr. Blackett. The scheme for the renovation of the organ was going on satisfactorily and they hoped it would be seen through in spite of hard times. They also felt a deep debt of gratitude to Lady Pollock and those who worked with her in keeping the Cathedral in a most excellent manner. The Bishop also thanked the Church Council and the Church Body, as busy business men, who spared hours of their leisure to give advice on Cathedral matters. He had particularly to thank Mr. Pattenden and Mr. Owen Hughes. He then referred to the Fukien Cathedral at Foochow, now in the course of erection. When the Bishop of Fukien was passing through here a short while ago, he had a conversation with the speaker and Mr. Powell, and they thought that as the Mother Church of the Diocese, St. John's should make some gift towards the new building. It was 20 years ago since Foochow was separated from this diocese, and it was hoped that the new Cathedral would be consecrated at the next general Synod of the Chinese Church.

London Re-union.

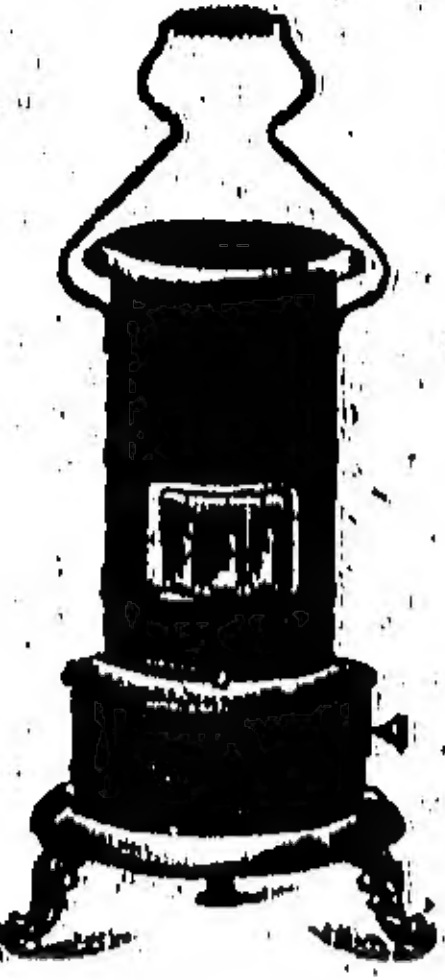
Another point was that some of those present might be going home before this coming summer, and it might interest them to know that at the next re-union of the Victoria Diocesan Association, a former Governor of Hongkong, Sir Frederick Lugard, was to take the chair. This was to be on June 2, at the Victoria House, Leicester Square, London.

They entered on a new year, the course of which none could say, but they prayed God that there was going to be prosperity in China, in the world and in the Colony of Hongkong. They hoped and trusted the rich blessing of God was going to rest on the ministrations in the Cathedral Church, and he thought to this end, it was probable that this coming winter they would have a visit from the Mission of Help, which was postponed from last year. The Mission was not only to Hongkong, but to all English speaking congregations in China. The Bishop then pronounced the Benediction, and the meeting closed.

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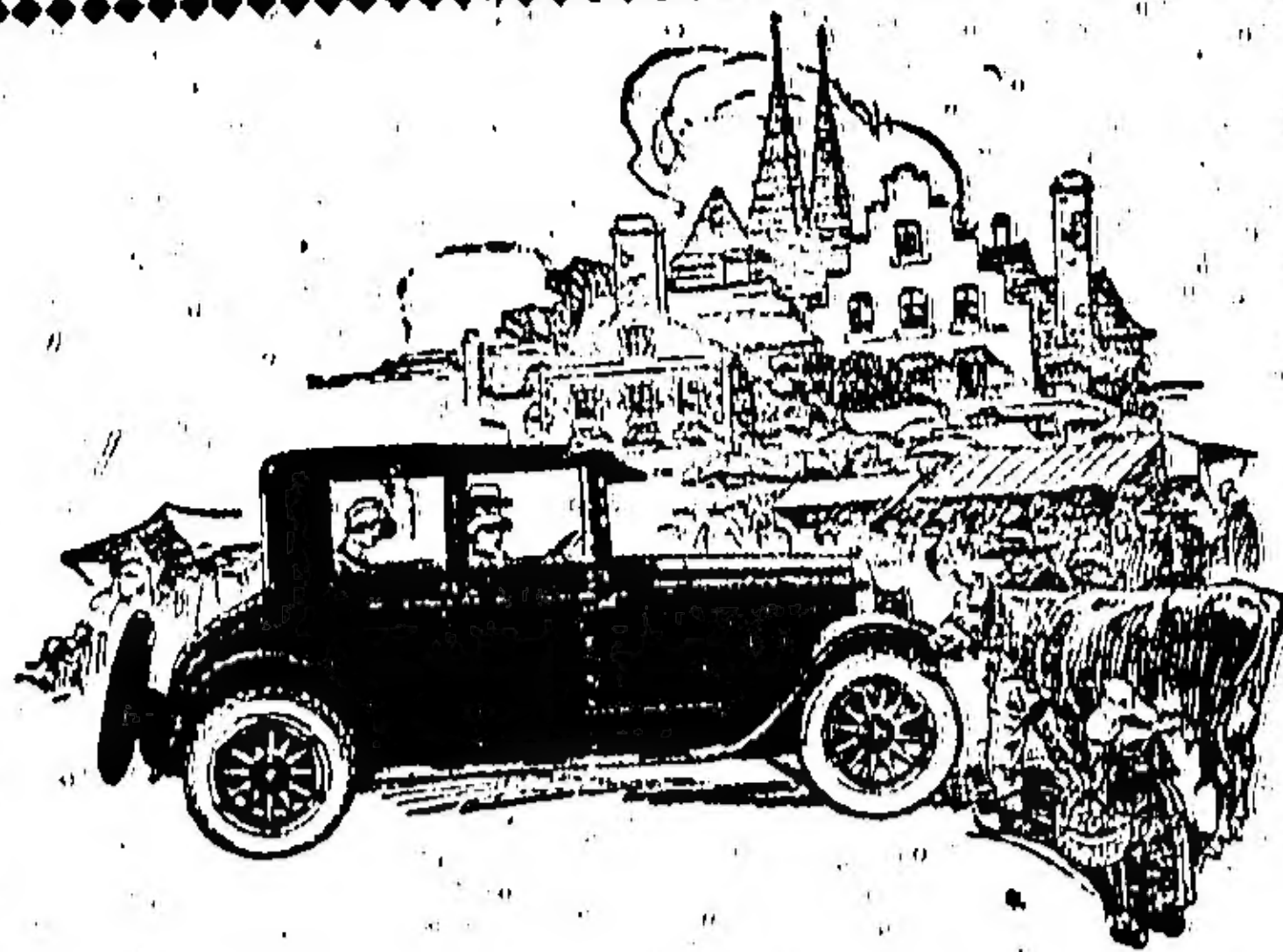
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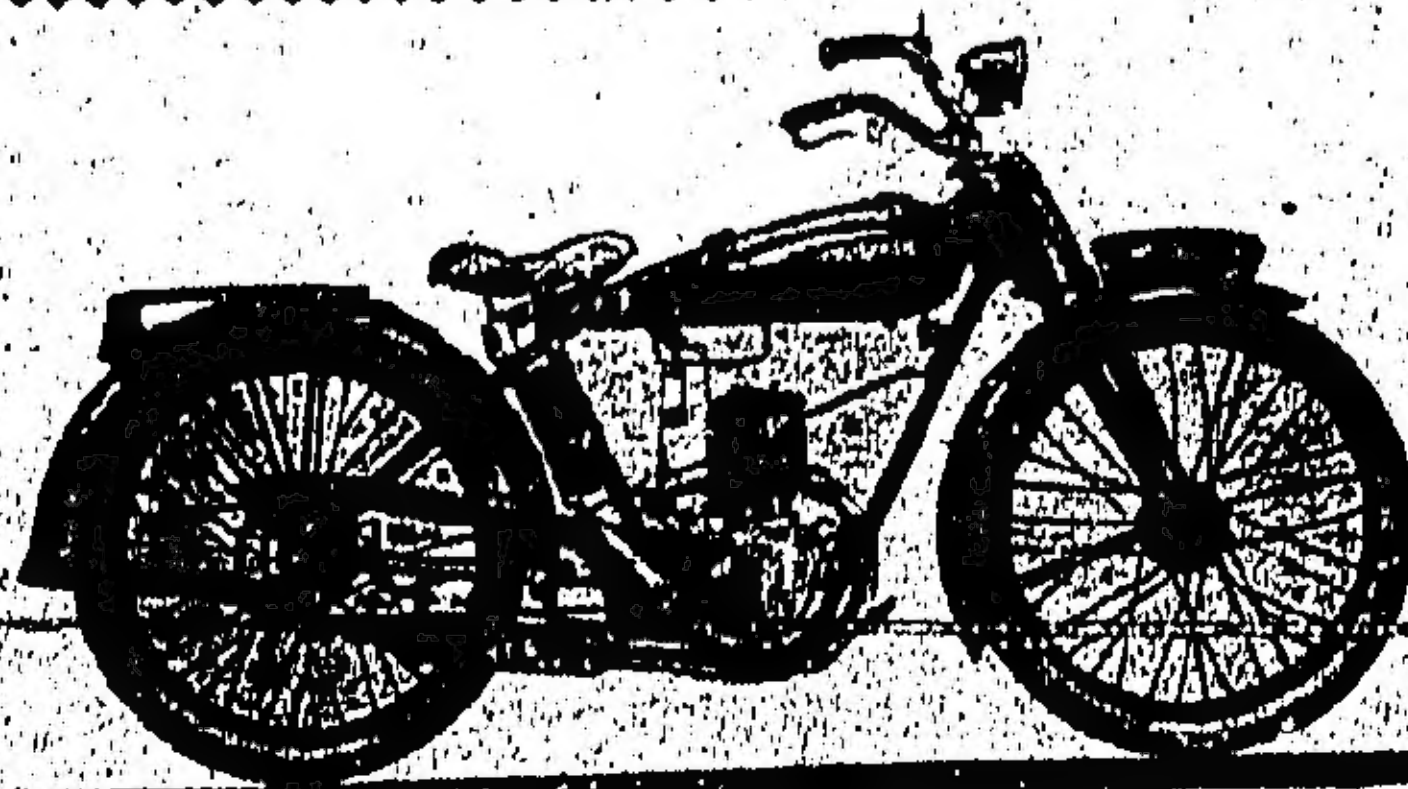
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Entries for the Hongkong Cricket Club's annual tennis tournament closes on Saturday next.

A "Grand Howl and Inspection" of the Shanghai Boy Scouts has been filmed and will be sent to the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell.

Representatives of the Soviet government, soon will visit the United States in connection with the sale of certain surplus articles from the old imperial collection of jewels.

The Penak Amateur Wireless Society will shortly be inaugurated in Ipoh. As the result of an excellent response to circulars sent out, nearly a hundred members of various communities have agreed to join the Society and an inaugural public meeting was held at the Town Hall Ipoh on Tuesday, the 19th inst.

Mr. W. C. Lowdermilk of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, Nanjing University, gave a valuable lecture in the lecture hall of the Royal Asiatic Society, under the auspices of the China Society of Science and Arts, Mr. Arthur de C. Sowerby was in the chair. Mr. Lowdermilk's subject was "Some aspects of the conservation of rainfall in North China with particular reference to the Fen Ho watershed, Shansi," and embodied the results of careful scientific investigation upon this subject.

The return showing the number of cases of notifiable disease which occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday, the 27th instants shows that there were two Chinese imported cases of smallpox, two British and one Chinese case of diphtheria, one Chinese case, imported, of enteric fever, one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever and three cases of rabies in dogs. The three cases of rabies occurred in the Victoria registration district. One Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever was reported in the Colony on Monday.

Bids are invited for the purchase of the Cebu Portland Cement Co., to be received in Manila, not later than March 1.

The great iron pillar at Delhi has withstood corrosion for 1,600 years a fact which, even taking into account the dry climate of Delhi, defies explanation.

Balto, the leader of the famous dog-team which raced with supplies to Nome, Alaska, during the diphtheria epidemic some time ago, is to have a statue in his honour in New York Central Park.

News of the Kuala Lumpur floods must have reached England in exaggerated form. We have just seen a letter addressed to someone in the "Red Sea, Old Market sq., Kuala Lumpur, which has been safely received here, says the Malay Mail.

Ancient Visayan customs will be depicted for the entertainment and information of the public during the Visayan Group Ball which will take place at the Manila Carnival auditorium on the night of February 10. One of the features of the programme will be a typical Visayan wedding as celebrated in the 15th century. The unique wedding ceremonies and the celebration which followed, all typical of the southern islands, will be revived that night.

A total of £37 was realised recently in Edinburgh for three letters of Robert Burns. They were purchased by Messrs. Spencer of London. The first letter, written to Mr. Boyd, an architect who was building a cottage for the poet at Dumfries, realised £25; the second, written from Ellisland to Mr. Boyd, brought £5; and the third, also to Mr. Boyd, £41. At the same auction a letter from Admiral Nelson to Lady Hamilton, dated September 25, 1801, was sold to Messrs. Stephen and Pollock, of Ayr, for 26 15s., while a Robert Louis Stevenson letter, written from the Grand Hotel, Nice, in 1886, fetched £16. A letter of Sir Walter Scott was sold for £2 12s., and an original Allan Ramsay manuscript realised £30.

A badger killed all the poultry which was to have been sold at an auction in Yorkshire recently.

Poorly illuminated corners of Manila city soon will have better lights, the municipal board having appropriated P2,023.70 for that purpose.

In the High Court of Justice it has been decided that a cat may roam over walls and roofs, and is not misbehaving itself the first time it bites the neighbour's pigeons.

Fourteen more Filipino mechanics to work in the shops of the Ford Motor Company at Detroit will be selected through competitive test at the bureau of labour, a committee composed of two senators and labour officials having been appointed to conduct the test. Eleven successful competitors are ready to be sent to the United States.

The Vienna doctor, Karl Doppler, has discovered that by touching up blood vessels with a weak solution of carbolic acid, rejuvenation within a few days has been the result, with lasting success. Old persons feel no longer depressed, but fresh and fit. It is stated that the operation is very simple, and can be performed by any doctor. Dr. Doppler had the greatest success in his attempts on animals by touching up the blood vessels of the male and female germ glands.

Not only the Manila public was disappointed in viewing the partial eclipse of the sun, but local weather officials, who were unable to take clear pictures, because of the dense "tumulus" clouds that practically covered the western horizon. All available astronomical instruments fitted for the observation were in readiness. Father Saderra, head of the seismological division, observed the changes in the magnetic elements during the eclipse from the magnetic station in Antipolo, while Director Selga, with his various assistants remained in the central observatory.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The annual ball of the Dock Yard Recreation Club is to be held in the City Hall on Thursday, February 4.

An exhibition of dancing by the pupils of Miss D. O'Keefe, is to be given in the Theatre Royal on February 18 and 20. H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi have given their patronage.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Arthur Akehurst, and Miss Elsie Lydia Harrison, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Shanghai.

Miss Ethel Deacon, who spent some months in Shanghai has now gone on to Penang, where she has been appointed "Cambridge teacher," in English subjects at the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School.

Mr. Mackay and Mr. Broadfoot of the mission at Pakkai have returned there (writes the "China Mail")—Kongmoon correspondent. It is expected that the hospital and mission will re-open after China New Year (February 17).

Owing to the departure for England in the near future of Mrs. E. B. Heaton-Smith her duties as Hon. Secretary of the Ministering Children's League have now been taken over by Mrs. N. W. Hickling, 19, Weihaui Road, Shanghai.

Sir Harry Lauder saved himself the cost of a telegram at the end of his broadcasting performance in London. After he had finished singing "Just a wee deoch and doris," he spoke these words to his wife, who he said was listening to him:—

"Now listen here, sweetheart," he said. "I am coming North to Glasgow to-morrow night, travelling by the 10 o'clock from Euston. Mind you re there to meet me."

Sir Harry proved to have a remarkably fine broadcasting voice, whether in song or speech.

Mr. Charlton Maxwell, Commissioner, Trade and Customs, F.M.S., will be going on leave about April.

Mr. Seet Cheang Suen, chief clerk of the Penang Harbour Board, was the recipient of a gold watch, a medal and a silver picture frame, subscribed for by the staff, on his retirement from the Board after 21 years' service, owing to failing eye-sight.



General Daves

The first volume of Raymond Poincaré's memoirs is to be published in February and will deal with the policy of France during the years 1912 and 1913. It is said to contain many hitherto unpublished documents. These memoirs are to be published under the title of "In the Service of France." It is understood that M. Poincaré feels somewhat hurt that he was not consulted in any way during the unusually long ministerial crisis that followed the fall of M. Poincaré's second ministry. It is not that he expected to be asked to form a Cabinet or even hold office in one, but he feels that in the very wide consultations made by the President and by M. Poincaré himself, he was not consulted.



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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SOCCER "CAPS."

HOW OUR TEAM SHOULD BE CHOSEN.

CLARKE REPORTED UNFIT.

In view of the last interport football trial to-day and the departure of the Hongkong team for Shanghai on February 9, local soccerites will regret to learn that Clarke (the "pince, goalie"), who is considered a "probable," was admitted to hospital yesterday.

This afternoon Wavish (the "famous custodian") will be taking his place in the trial on the club ground.

As there is only a fortnight or so to go, it seems likely that Rodger (club) will get the place.

ANOTHER READER'S SELECTION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I beg to give below what I anticipate will be the final choice of the selectors to-night:—

Rodger; Wheeler; Wynne; Leung Suk-tung; Sims; McKelvie; Charlesworth; Humberstone; Gosano; Butler; Macklesworth. Reserves:—Xavier; Mitchell; Howard.

Yours, etc.,
A PLAYER.

Hongkong, Jan. 27.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

"HAWKINS" GETS DOUBLE VICTORY.

VOLUNTEERS DEFEATED.

Last Sunday a triangular match in the Rifle League was shot off at Taihook rifle range.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" defeated the Dockyard and Defence Corps, and the Dockyard won from the Volunteers. Scores:—

"HAWKINS."	
A. R. B. Ring	89
P. O. A. C. Thoday	87
P. O. H. Page	87
P. O. T. Shenton	86
P. O. A. Lewry	84
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	83
L. S. S. Trowbridge	83
Col. Sgt. W. Gossett	76
Plus 6% for open sights	41
Total	717

DOCKYARD R. C.	
W. Garrett	86
W. Cook	86
J. Jefford	85
F. Young	80
E. Edwards	80
A. Worth	78
W. Batham	76
S. Wickenden	71
Plus 6% for open sights	62
Total	647

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.	
D. Reid	91
N. L. H. Railton	89
D. Goodfellow	82
M. H. Wallace	79
J. A. Lyon	78
C. H. Summers	72
R. Goodman	70
F. Goodman	67
Plus 6% for open sights	4
Total	632

*Aperture sights.

CHARITY SOCCER.

South China beat H.M.S. "Hawkins" by the odd goal in seven in a football match, for charity, yesterday.

At first the Chinese led by 2-1 but the sailors reduced the deficit to 2-1 at half-time.

After the interval the Chinese put on a third goal but the flag-ship drew level by replying with two goals. Towards the end the Chinese obtained the winning goal.

FANLING HOUNDS.

On Sunday, the Fanling Hounds will meet at the stables, Kwanti, at 10.30 a.m. and not at Sheungshui Police Station as announced.

Delhi, December 30.—The Indian Lawn Tennis Association is doubtful regarding the advisability of India challenging in the Davis Cup Competition for 1926. It has circumscribed the provinces accordingly.

SCOTTISH F.A. CUP

FIRST ROUND REPLAYS DECIDED.

HERBIANS THROUGH.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 26.

Replays in the first round of the Scottish Football Association Cup resulted:—
Johnstone D. Solway Star 3.
Broxburn 0. Hibernians 1.

LOCAL BOXING.

PROGRAMME FOR THIS SATURDAY.

THE FIRM DISCUSSED.

Booking for the boxing at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night starts to-morrow (members of the Association only). The public can book seats on Friday and Saturday.

It is not expected that there will be any further changes to the programme. Stoker Norman Morris is not to fight Petty Officer Mitchell, the newcomer on H.M.S. "Concord" as the "Hermes" man injured himself.

Plenty of variety and excitement is promised. The programme given below is on a par with, if not better than, tournaments earlier this season.

Main event, 16 rounds, for the welterweight championship of the Colony and belt:—

Stoker Petty Officer "Jim" Cartledge (Royal Naval Yard), Imperial Services featherweight champion and Hongkong light-weight champion, v. Able Seaman Edwin (H.M.S. "Hermes"), Middleweight champion of the Royal Navy and Marines, Hongkong welterweight champion.

10 round welterweight contest:—
Leading Seaman Baker ("Hermes") v. Leading Telegraphist Emmerson (Marazion).

8 round featherweight contest:—
Harry Major (Hongkong) v. Kid Alfred (Manila).

6 round contests:—
Welterweight: Petty Officer Mitchell (Concord) v. Able Seaman Jackson (Hawkins).

Featherweight: Drummer Bowles (East Surrey Regt.) v. Signaller Rogers ("Tamar").

Featherweight: Warder Grant (Victoria Gaol) v. Leading Supply Assistant Rowe ("Ambrose").

The main event is likely to go the full distance with Cartledge forcing the pace from the start. Both camps have their supporters and victory to either man will only be by a small margin. Edwin has youth on his side and he demonstrated that he could hit when he won the belt from Marine Betts. Cartledge is by no means a veteran but he will reply on his ringcraft and generalship to see him through.

Baker and Emmerson will be meeting for the third time, with the odds slightly on Baker. The previous fights have been over six rounds, the last being a sparkling bout full of excitement with each man leading in turn. Both are strong enough to land a knock-out should opportunity present itself.

The Filipino lad, Kid Alfred, has been shaping very well in training. He will be giving away weight to Major. Both have a powerful "kick" and are clever and speedy. This fight should be one of the best of the evening.

Jackson is the "left-hander" who beat Murrell after winning the novices' competition. He is very game and steady and should not disgrace himself against a man of Mitchell's reputation.

Bowles narrowly lost the featherweight championship. He previously beat Rogers but the latter is reported to have improved in the interval.

A ROYAL SPORTSMAN.

The Duke of York, who was 30 on December 14, enjoys a number of games. He is the best lawn tennis player of the Royal Family—his appearance in the R. A. F. championships will be remembered—also the best billiards player, and a very fair golfer. Although, unlike Prince Henry, the Duke has never played Association football, he is fond of the game and, as Prince Albert, frequently attended Chelsea's home matches, while he was instrumental in founding the Royal Household F.C. shortly after the war. He has played cricket, and once performed the "hat-trick" in a family game at Windsor. The Duke also enjoys a game of bowls. In field sports he is a fine deer-stalker.

NEW BIG BREAK.

WORLD'S RECORD FOR AN AMATEUR.

OLD FIGURE ECLIPSED.

(via Colombo.)

Liverpool, January 5.

In the semi-final of the qualifying stage of the Amateur Billiards Championship, J. Earlam, of Runcorn, made a world's record amateur break—435, beating S. H. Fry's 311, made in Australia.

[Note: Composition balls are being used in the British amateur championship for the first time. S. H. Fry was champion for several years.]

THE NEXT TESTS.

WHAT PEOPLE THINK AT HOME.

SOME EXPERT VIEWS.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 4.

Lord Harris, discussing the forthcoming Australian tour, prior to embarking for Trinidad to join the West Indian tourists, said the Australians were a powerful batting side, but the quality of the bowling remained to be seen.

He strongly disapproved of a reduction of the county programme, pointing out that the Australians were playing as hard as us throughout the season, and had not so many men to call upon.

He expressed dislike of trials in cricket and rugby alike. For instance the supposed second team was frequently successful and the English cricket selectors had then an embarrassing task.



Lord Harris.

SPY SCARE.

YOUNG DANCER ARRESTED IN TOULON.

INFORMATION PROMISED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Jan. 26.

A further development in the alleged spy case is the arrest in Toulon of a 23-year-old dancer, Mademoiselle Le Febvre, who, it is alleged, corresponded with John Leather acknowledging the receipt of sums of money and promising to supply "the information asked."

A Paris message of December 7 stated:—Great interest is being taken in the case of a young woman named Marcelle Monseil, otherwise Marthe Moreil, described in the Press as a new "Mata Hari." She has been arrested on a charge of being a spy in the service of a foreign Power, for the purpose of enquiring into the aviation services of France. Miss Monseil, interrogated by the examining magistrate, admitted that she had been engaged in espionage work since March last on behalf of certain British merchants, stated to be dealers in wireless apparatus. She stated that she had been investigating the number, make, and capacity of aeroplanes at the bases at St. Nazaire, Bordeaux, Hyeres, and Straphael, and the organisation of aerodromes. Three other persons, stated to be Englishmen, for whom Miss Monseil worked, were subsequently brought before the magistrate and examined secretly, after which all four were taken to prison. It is stated that Miss Monseil neatly eluded the police, as she read in the papers news of the arrest of a man who was alleged to be engaged in espionage, whereupon she immediately destroyed documents she was carrying hidden in her clothing. Another cable, dated December 8, stated:—The search at the premises of the wireless company where the three arrested Englishmen were employed was carried out by a magistrate and a representative of the War Ministry. Letters found, and a list of air officers were found, and the arrested Englishman, questioned by the magistrate, denied any knowledge of the espionage activities of Marthe Monseil with whom only one of them was acquainted.



Babe Ruth's home run average is forgotten, the last man Dempsey put to sleep has faded from the mind of Young America as he turns in addition to "Red Grange," the great (green) back, who has turned his football ability into a small sized fortune. The little fan in front typifies Young America as it pays homage to a new idol.

GERMAN POLICY.

FOLLOW PATH OF LOCARNO TREATY.

ENTRY TO THE LEAGUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 26.

The Chancellor, Dr. Luther, presented his Cabinet to a crowded Reichstag.

He announced that the Government, in its foreign policy, would pursue the path laid down in the Locarno Treaty, and its most important decision would be as regards Germany's entry to the League of Nations.

Referring to the statement in the Note from the conference of Ambassadors on November 14, that the occupation forces in Rhineland would be appreciably reduced in such manner that their strength would approach normal figures, Dr. Luther declared that normal figures could only mean the strength of the German pre-war garrison in Rhineland.

This was emphasised in the German official statement, which had not been contradicted by the occupation Powers. Active negotiations in this connection were proceeding with the Governments concerned, and the Government hoped that they would lead to the desired result.

SOP TO THE RIGHT.

Berlin, later.

Some surprise has been caused by Dr. Luther's brief reference to foreign policy and his rather indefinite allusion to Germany's entry to the League. The latter is interpreted to mean that the Government is awaiting a settlement of the dispute regarding the strength of the occupation forces in Rhineland before pledging Germany definitely to join the League, which is regarded as a sop to the right.

[A Paris cablegram of November 16 reported:—In a Note to Germany confirming Saturday's oral communication regarding the Rhineland regime, the Council of Ambassadors hopes the evacuation of Cologne will be completed by the end of January or at the latest February 20. It holds out hopes of an early withdrawal of the Inter-Allied Control Committee from Berlin.]



Adrian Brown with her husband in Southern California.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 27, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1060 b.	\$1060 b. 1065 1/2	\$1060 b.
do. London	128 n.	—	128 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	£21 1/2 n.	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£20 1/2 n.	£20 1/2 n.	—
do. C.	£13 1/2 n.	£13 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£20 1/2 n.	£20 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	\$85 n.	\$75 b.	\$80 n.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	590 b.	600 n.	\$-600 n.
China Underwriters	2 1/4 n.	2 30 n.	2 n.
North China Insurance	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	253 b.	254 b.	\$256 b.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 s.	600 s.	590 n.
Shipping.			
Douglases	33 s.	32 n.	34 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 s.	24 s.	22 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2 n.	4 n.	4 s.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	45 n.	—	65 s.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	27 1/2 b.
Shell Transport	97 1/2 n.	97 1/2 n.	97 1/2 b.
Star Ferries	\$55 s.	\$52 b. 53 s.	\$52 s.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 s.	15 n.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 s.	30 s.	25 n.
Malayan Sugars	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1 1/2 n. Return	—	—
Kailash Mining Ad.	44 1/2 b.	45 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	T30 s.	T30 s.	T 28 s.
do. (Single)	10 n.	18 s.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 45 n.	5 1/2 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 n.	—
Rails	\$5 50 s.	\$5 1/2 s.	6 s.
Tromm Mines	55 1/2 n.	55 1/2 n.	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$123 s.	122 s.	\$120 s.
H.K. & W. Docks	57 1/2 n.	57 s.	56 s.
Hongkows	T 165 n.	T 165 n.	T 165 b.
New Engineering	7 b.	T 7 b.	7 b.
Shanghai Docks	104 s.	111 s.	112 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$7 1/4 n.	8 n.	7 1/4 s.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	62 s.	60 b. 62 s.	62 s.
H.K. Realty	5 b.	5 1/4 n.	5 1/4 n.
H.K. Territorials	6 b.	6 1/4 b.	6 n.
Humphreys Estates	13 1/4 n.	13 s.	13 s.
Princes Building	150 n.	120 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Two Cottons	T 10 1/2 s.	T 10 s.	T 10 s.
Oriental	3 n.	3 s.	3 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	58 s.	58 s.	58 s.
do. (new)	28 s.	28 s.	30 s.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	\$7 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2 n.	15 s.	14 1/2 s.
do. (old)	12 1/2 n.	12 n.	11 1/2 s.
do. (new)	3 n.	3 n.	3 s.
China Buses	T 10 1/2 b.	10 1/2 b.	15 s.
China Lights (comb.)	16 1/2 s.	14 1/4 s.	11 s.
do. (old)	12 s.	11 s.	8 s.
do. (new)	8 s.	8 s.	7 1/2 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	8 s.	—	—
do. (old)	8 s.	—	—
do. (new)	8 s.	—	—
Only Farms	17 1/4 s.	17 s.	17 s.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	8 s.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	5 n.	—
Hongkong Amusements	10 1/4 b.	10 1/2 b.	4 s.
H.K. Constructions	3 b.	3 b.	30 s.
Hongkong Electric	51 n.	49 1/2 s.	50 s.
H.K. Developments	30 cts. b.	24 cts. b. & 24 s.	40 s.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 s.	13 1/4 s.	8 1/2 n.
do. (old)	13 1/4 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 n.
do. (new)	8 1/2 n.	8 1/2 s.	20 1/4 s.
Hongkong Tramways	21 b.	21 s.	13 s.
Lane, Crawford	13 1/4 n.	12 s.	—
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21 1/4 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	17 b. 17 1/4 s.	16 b.	17 s.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.	8 n.	8 1/2 s.
do. (new)	11 s.	10 n.	8 1/2 s.
Sinceres	—	8 1/2 n.	8 1/2 s.
Singapore Trams	4 s.	3 40 s.	—
Taxis	20 n.	—	—
United Asbestos	—	600 n.	—
Founders	—	18 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	12 1/2 n.	13 s.
Watsons (old)	12 1/4 b.	—	—
do. (new)	12 1/2 n.	—	—
Wm. Powells	12 s.	—	12 n.
H.K. Telephone	—	—	3 1/2 n.

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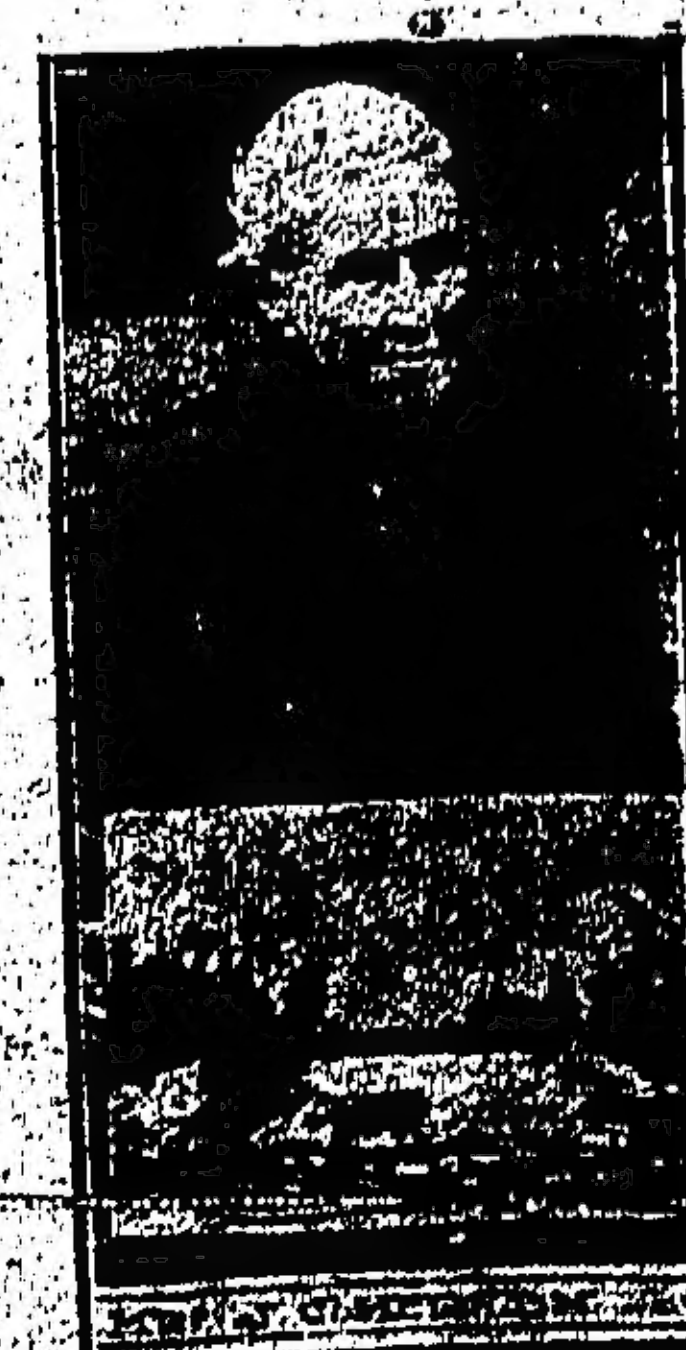
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People and Events in the News of the World



JAPANESE REDS, INTL.

Their wrists adorned with handcuffs, these extremists in Tokyo are accused of being the hirelings of Uchida, head of the Black Dragon Society. An alleged plot to kill Premier Kato and blow up the Diet buildings was discovered.



WINTER BATHING SUIT

The woolen suit, with the split turtle neck, is the very latest in winter beach apparel in California and Florida.



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HERR BOLAY

Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, is seeking a fund of \$200,000 to advance science. Siegfried Wagner, son of the great composer, has protested against the invasion of jazz in Germany. The Countess of Warwick has given her home, Eaton Lodge, Essex, as a foundation for an international labour university. Herr Bolay, Hungarian inventor, has completed an apparatus by which he says he is able to disintegrate an atom releasing electric energy.



JUNGLE PAJAMAS, INTL.

Fashion insists that women wear less and less as the weather grows colder. In Paris, the jungle pajamas have been introduced as quite the proper apparel for an afternoon tea.



WILLIAM DWYER (HAWAII) & MAJ. W. A. GREEN

William Dwyer, millionaire sportsman of New York, was one of twenty men arrested in the roundup of a super-rum ring. Major Walter A. Green, of the dry forces, directed the arrests.

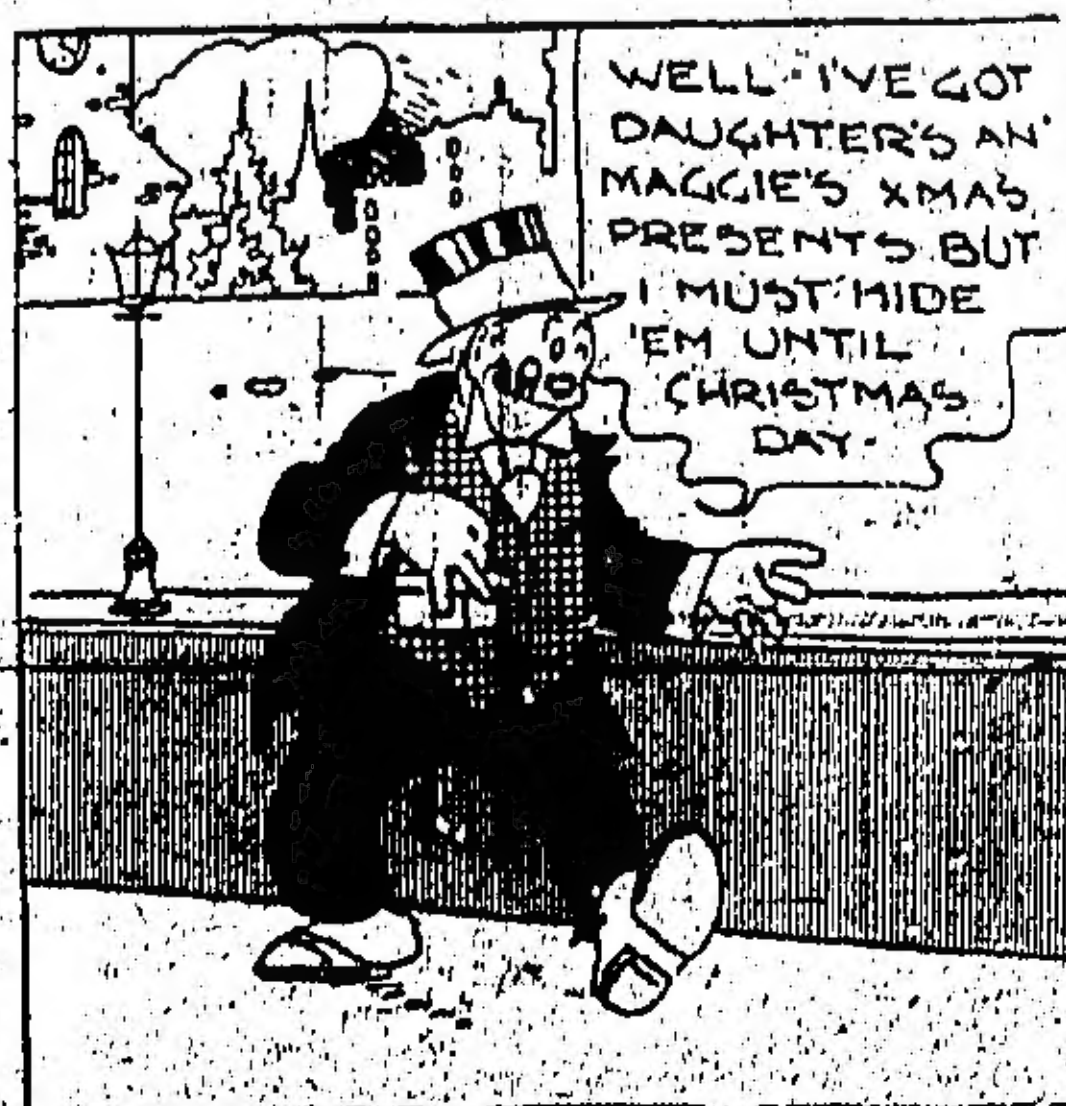


CHIEF BLACK HORN & YOUNG RALPH GHOST DOG

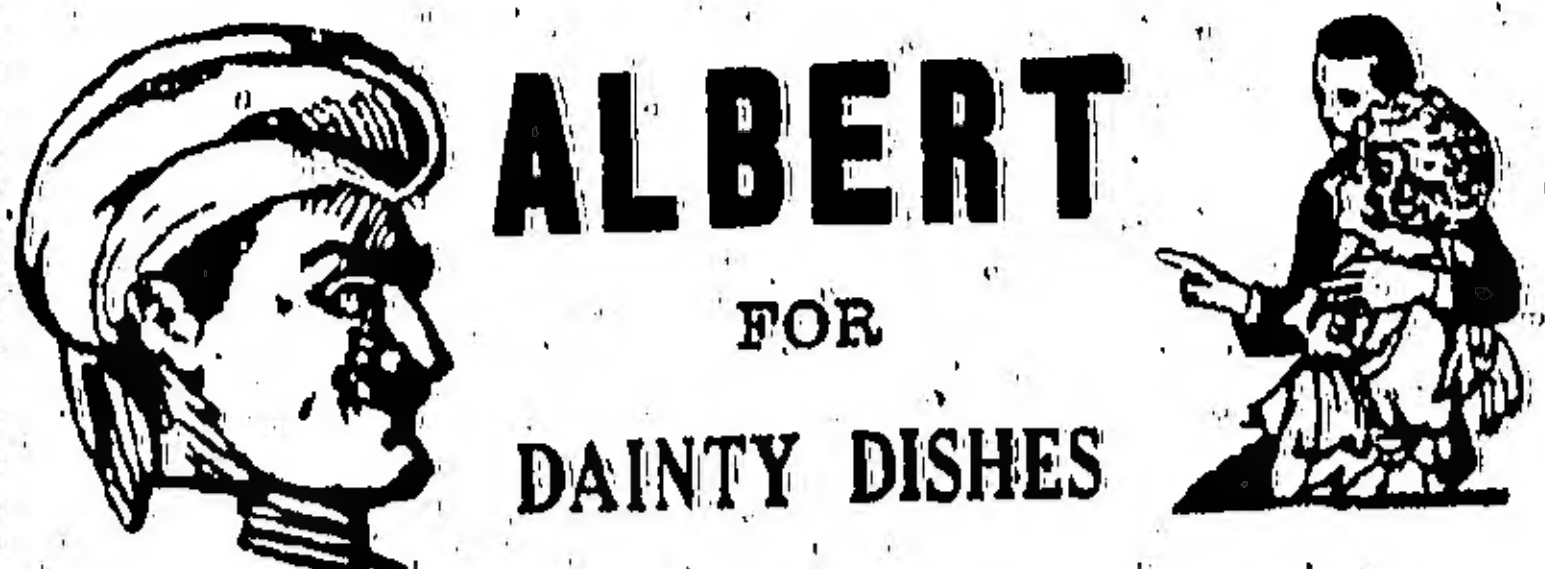
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Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

ODDS AND ENDS

A Famous Garden.

It now seems reasonably certain that the money will be forthcoming to save the famous Aldobrandini Palace garden in Rome from the hands of the builders. Italy is fortunate in the large number of formal or architectural gardens she possesses, and the explanation appears to be that in the early Eighteenth Century, when the "romantic" garden became all the rage and the Batty Langleys and "Capability" Browns were replacing parterres and terraces and fountains with artificial lakes and willowed streams and shady paths leading to nowhere, the Italian estate owners had no money with which to indulge this sentimental taste and their gardens had to remain as they were.

Medical Heroism.

The statement is made in the "Evening Standard" that half a dozen medical men in London have been inoculated with the living cancer germ so that they may test the theories of Dr. W. E. Cye and Mr. J. E. Barnard. Those two scientists believe that the cancer germ is only harmful if a certain unknown chemical agent is present, and none of the doctors inoculated with the unaccompanied germ has developed cancer, says the "Manchester Guardian." Most people will think that they took a horrible risk and will admire their heroism. So will other medical men, but they will remember that many doctors engaged in researches into the origin and infectiousness of baffling diseases have been equally ready to risk their lives to test a theory. Before the scientific world learned the reason for the wide ravages of yellow fever medical men had tested every means they could think of by which the infection might be spread. They slept on the beds on which patients had died and submitted themselves to worse tests than that. One of the most heroic stories told in the Great War was of the time when the doctors were searching for the effective way of treating cases of gas gangrene. A young woman with laboratory experience inoculated herself with the disease and in due course sent word to a colleague who was trying to work out a cure to say that he might try its effect on her. Critics can make out a strong case against experiments with animals conducted by students and inexperienced men, but the cases where scientists experiment on themselves should not be forgotten.



Barbara Bennett the dainty dancer, has suddenly retired as the partner of the famous Maurice. "Coulton" live on a paltry £100 a week" was her explanation.

Dead Man's Fortune.

Although he mysteriously dropped out of life seventeen years ago and has not been heard of since, Fred M. Woodworth, one time a brilliant lawyer of San Francisco, was left a £5,000 estate by his mother, who died recently (states the "San Francisco Examiner.") By the terms of the will of Mrs. Abbie Woodworth, member of one of Sonoma county's oldest pioneer families, her long-lost son, Fred, and his brother, Ralph, are left a £10,000 ranch in equal shares. Legally dead for more than ten years, Fred Woodworth is still alive, concealing his identity and living a new life for an inexplicable reason was what his mother firmly believed up to the moment of her death. All the other members of the family and all of the former lawyer's friends long since gave him up as lost. Many believe him to be dead. His wife and children will claim his share to the £10,000 estate, it is expected, although it is said that Abijah Woodworth, the aged father, may contest the will.

A Vegetable Victory.

The discovery that oil extracted from the fruit of Hydnocarpus, a little-known plant, cures leprosy, may not be followed by a revival of the herbalist's art, but should compel the medical fraternity to revive the neglected study of medicinal plants. It is known, for example, that some Indian native doctors—not the hospital trained Babu, but the village quack—are able to cure, with drugs extracted from plants by crude methods, cases regarded by British resident medical men as hopeless. I know of one case where an F.R.C.S. called in such a "medicine man" with successful results. I suppose the General Medical Council would have him sent to pieces by wild panel doctors if they heard of it, so his name will not escape me. Work for the "Bourgeoisie!"

Lady Bathurst says what many are feeling strongly when she points out that the sons and daughters of what I suppose the Communists would call the bourgeoisie have to take any work they can get, while the taxpayer pays doles to support the children of the "workers" until they find something congenial. Not nearly enough is said about the unemployment among educated people. Taxpayers' sons, with a good education behind them, often find it hard enough to make a bare living themselves—let alone find congenial work—while marriage is out of the question. Yet their parents assist in the maintenance of the "workers" till they find congenial work and in the education and amusement of as many children as they may care to have, if they marry, says a writer in a Home paper.

"Very Sincerely, Oxford."

Why does Lord Oxford and Asquith sign himself to "My dear Lloyd George" as "Yours very sincerely, Oxford?" It will be remembered that there are several claimants to the old and honourable, but dormant, title of "The Earl of Oxford." For this reason Mr. Asquith was compelled to take the title "Oxford and Asquith," though he was loth to do so. But is it fair to these claimants that he should now discard the "Asquith?" Can it be that a secret hankering after the abbreviated title has led him to a tact abandonment of the "Asquith?" Or is it merely that he finds the effort of writing "Oxford and Asquith" rather too severe, and, in view of the likelihood of much affectionate correspondence with Mr. Lloyd George, has decided to create a precedent in favour of the less strenuous signature?

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